

Scenario for conducting the doctoral defence¹

1. The chair of the thesis committee
Welcomes the participants and introduces the members of the committee.
Asks the secretary of the committee to present the scientific curriculum vitae of the candidate.
Invites the candidate to present their doctoral thesis and new scientific results in a short, informal presentation (25 minutes).
2. The candidate presents their thesis, highlighting their new scientific achievements.
3. The chair invites each of the reviewers to present their opinions on the thesis, previously submitted in writing.
4. The reviewers present their opinions.
5. The chair invites the candidate to respond.
6. The candidate responds to the reviewers' opinions.
7. The chair invites the members of the thesis committee and the members of the audience to ask questions about the doctoral thesis.
8. The candidate answers the questions immediately after they are asked.
9. After each answer, the chair asks whether the answer was satisfactory. In the event of a negative reply, the option for a debate is provided and the debate is closed by the chair when deemed necessary.
10. After the questions and answers, the chair invites the members of the committee and the members of the audience to add any remark they wish to make. The candidate answers these immediately after they are asked (if necessary).
11. If a reviewer is not a member of the committee, the chair shall ask them publicly whether they support the award of the degree. The reviewer gives a yes/no answer to the question.
12. The chair closes the debate and calls the committee into a closed session.
13. In a closed session, the chair opens a debate, and the committee evaluates the thesis and the new scientific results it contains by secret ballot, scoring 1-2-3-4-5, and proposes the award of the doctoral degree (for which more than 70% of the available points is required). The committee shall prepare a reasoned written proposal to the HBDT. The minutes of the closed meeting shall be verified by the signatures of the committee members present.

¹ *The public debate may be held in the absence of one of the official reviewers, provided that the reviewer declares in writing to the chair that they accept the candidate's answers and at least 5 members of the committee are present. (BME DHSZ's relevant paragraphs, see: <http://doktori.bme.hu/szabalyzatok.htm>)

14. The chair reopens the public session, announces the result and the reasons for the decision.

15. The chair closes the meeting.